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SOUTHWEST RESIDENTS' PROBLEMS TO BE AIRED AT ASSEMBLY'S JANUARY 30 MEETING 7:30 AT ST. MATTHEWS

Housing problems? Condo fees too high? Worried about boarded up, empty houses? District government giving you the run-around? Concerned about home or neighborhood safety? Does it need to be cleaned up or fixed up? Do your children have a safe place to play? Want more community-based fun activities in Southwest?

Such matters, and many more, are what you can talk about at the next meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly on Thursday, January 30. The Assembly will try to get action for you. It wants to "WORK

FOR YOU IN 92". But it needs your advice on how to do it.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is the Civic Association for the Southwest community. It exists to help Southwest citizens to have better lives, by community action (like summer jobs and scholarships for youth) and by getting government agencies to act. It has the power to take the government to court if necessary. Some years ago it successfully did so, and if necessary it can do so again.

Assembly public meetings are held nine times each year. Sometimes they are held jointly with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, which also acts for the community, but in a different way. At the January 30th meeting, to begin the New Year right, the Assembly wants to hear from all Southwest residents about what it can do for them, and to receive ideas and suggestions. This will help the Assembly's Executive Board to "WORK FOR YOU IN 92".

Light refreshments will be served.

SW ASSEMBLY 8TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

On Sunday, February 23rd, the SWNA will hold a special program. The subject will be - African Americans Exploring New Worlds: Pre-Columbus to the Space Age. The speaker will be Eleanor Holmes Norton. There will be student presentations from Amidon, Anthony Bowen, Syphax Elementary Schools. Also, there will be a choral solo and poetic readings. This event will be at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Matthews Lutheran Church at 3rd & M Streets, SW. All are invited.

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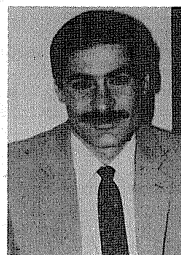
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DEMOCRATS KICK OFF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

October 1991 marked the beginning of the **Ward Two Democrats, Inc., (W2D), Membership Drive**. The major thrust of the W2D Membership Drive is to unite all Democrats residing in the ward in recognition of the importance of collective strength. The W2D's are planning to publish a newsletter for its members with the latest on issues and concerns, to hold political forums with local and national politicians and thereby focus attention on issues in the ward. All persons residing in and registered to vote as a Democrat in Ward Two are eligible for membership. To become a member, you must complete a membership form. There are no dues for membership, but voluntary financial contributions are welcome. All checks and money orders should be made payable to "**Ward Two Democrats, Inc.**"

The W2D, a seven year old organization, was revived by the July 13, 1991, Ward Two Democratic Convention. The W2D is a nonprofit organization established for citizens of the ward who are interested in the present and future elected leadership of our community, and who have a belief in the democratic process.

The new officers, serving a two-year term, are: Harry Martin, Chair; Cheryl Simmons, Vice Chair; Lorrie Johnson, Recording Secretary; Polly Nelson, Corresponding Secretary; and Ed Grandis, Treasurer. Precinct Representatives were also elected, one representative from each of Ward Two's 17 precincts. For more information on membership, the Ward Two Democrats, or the name of your precinct representative, please call Lorrie Johnson, 332-1288.

One of the many good qualities about Lisa is that she has never forgotten her family and the people and forces who have contributed to her growth and development. She makes a conscious effort to set good examples for her three younger brothers, all of whom are active YATF students, and to stay in touch with various people in the community. Lisa has often said that Officer Willie Borden, former Director of No. 4 Boys and Girls Club, and long-time YATF Member Helen Sandel, and Dale MacIver, have given her good advice and have been very supportive of her efforts.

Having recently graduated with honors from St. Augustine's College with a degree in Computer Sciences, Lisa was selected to participate in GE's Information Systems Management Program in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She had previously held a summer job with GE. GE's ISMP hires the top-notch, high quality graduating students and gives them the opportunity they need to become our next generation of leaders. The program is designed to develop students in information systems, technical software development, and computer services. The two-year program consists of a series of work assignments, combined with formal classroom training.

Although the handwriting on the wall stated that "We'll miss you," the community will continue to follow her enthusiastically with interest and pride.



Lisa Matthews does her best

LISA MATTHEWS: A SOUTHWEST SUCCESS STORY

by Thelma D. Jones

Emotions were running high recently on K Street, Southwest as a host of civic leaders, friends, family, relatives and neighbors gathered to say farewell once again to Lisa Matthews. Everyone was cheerfully wishing her well, but the banner draped across the wall basically summed it up. The message was simple, clear, andaring: "Good luck, Lisa. We will miss you. We love you, Lisa."

Over the years, The Southwester has followed Lisa's accomplishments with pride and interest. Dale MacIver, former editor of the paper, shared with me a repertoire of information and pictures on her which was quaintly entitled "Lisa Matthews' Career in Southwest D.C. Over the Past 10 Years..." as recorded by The Southwester. The list chronicled her accomplishments from March 1981 as a 7th Grade Honor Student at Jefferson Jr. High to present day. The references included her role as an outstanding cheerleader and basketball player for both No. 4 Boys & Girls Club and Jefferson HS (1981-83); speaking at SWNA meeting in youth and discussing the YATF summer jobs program (1983); learning word processing under the tutelage of former YATF Member Helen Sandel (deceased) (1984); being selected as D.C. President of Future Business Leaders of America and Miss Southwest (1984 and '85, respectively); attending St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC and being the recipient of a Southwest scholarship Fund special award (1987 and '88, respectively); and among others being selected as an international exchange student in Kingston, Jamaica (1988).

On the surface, Lisa can best be described as a youth who was both active and successful in a variety of school and vic affairs. However, to give credit where is due, Lisa is best described as the epitome of a young lady who took advantage of an opportunity, sought the advice of ring people, developed aspirations and goals, and then set out to achieve them.

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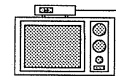
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THROUGH THE EYES



S.W. resident poet Margaret Oliver,
author of original poetry

MARGARET OLIVER: POETRY IN MOTION

by Ramona Turner

Original Poetry, by Margaret H. Oliver is the first book of poetry written by this talented individual. Oliver's work is basic simple rhymes dealing with such issues as relationships and everyday life that people can and should be able to identify with. Oliver says, "I would like for people who read my poetry to not have to think about what they are reading. I just would like for people to read my poetry and enjoy it."

Oliver has been writing poetry ever since junior high school. Her father was the one who inspired her to write poetry. While growing up in a small town in North Carolina, there was not much for a youngster to do. Oliver's father suggested that she begin writing songs. She first started writing songs that rhymed and from this her poetry writing began.

Oliver published her book of poetry herself. She says, "The most difficult part about the publicizing process was promoting the book." She has gotten rave reviews from people who have read her poems, and said that they love her work. "Just knowing that people have enjoyed my work has made the entire process worth it," she stated.

Oliver has lived in Southwest since 1985. Besides writing poetry, she has many other interests that occupy her time. She finds pleasure in crocheting and attending classical concerts, and she also likes to travel and entertain her friends.

Original Poetry can be purchased at Rainbow Record and Books in Waterside Mall and at Reprint Books in L'Enfant Plaza. Oliver has finished her second book of poetry which will be published sometime in the Spring. She is about to begin a third book. Her poetry has also appeared in the Southwester. Oliver says, "I would like to thank the Editor of the Southwester for printing my poetry in the paper, because having my work printed was a big help. It gave me the courage to publish my own book."

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Live in total degradation
How can we justify
Supporting another Nation

When turmoil hits another Country
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With unemployment figures in the million
And daily increasing in size
How can some fool state
That the economy is on the rise

I cannot charge my interest to taxes
So I won't use my charge cards at all
And since I'm unable to buy things
Manufacturing companies will fail

Taxes take from little folk
Most of the money they can clear
While large wealthy corporations
Don't pay a dime in taxes all year

The first man stole millions of dollars
The second man stole a pocket knife
The first man has not been punished
The second got 20 years to life

This then is the state of the union
Every word I have stated is true
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Margaret H. Oliver, copr., 1991



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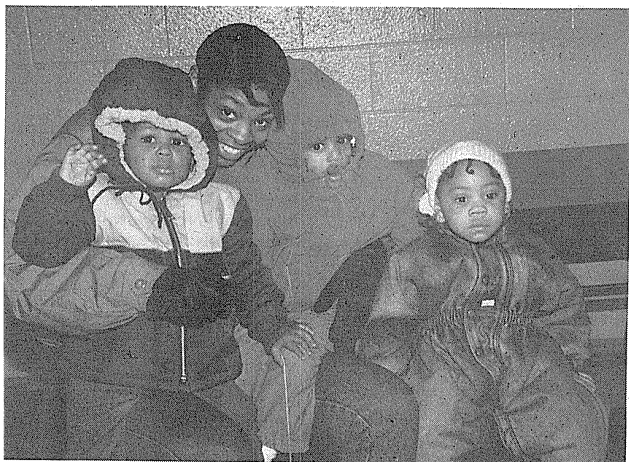
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Family Friend Program succeeds with Intergenerational Family at the National Council on Aging

ONE FOR THE AGES

by Jerry Blasenstien

The year 1946 is generally regarded as the start of the Baby-boom generation, often considered to be the largest, singular population explosion ever. These persons join the ranks of the "65 and over" starting in 2011. While today's 65+ crowd numbers about 31.5 Million, this figure will swell to about 52.1 Million by 2020, and peak at roughly 68.5 Million by 2050.

This phenomenal reality is being examined with much anticipation. At the forefront of the revolution is the National Council on the Aging, Inc. The mission of the Council, founded in 1950 in New York City and now headquartered in a beautiful suite at 409 3rd Street, S.W., is to "improve the lives of older Americans". The NCOA is a private, non-profit entity consisting of some 8,500 individuals and constituent organizations.

Unique to the NCOA is its nine organizational units, each united by a commitment to the dignity and well-being of the nation's older people, as well as ensuring their continuing contributions to society.

The units--National Institute of Senior Centers, National Voluntary Organizations for Independent Living for the Aging, National Center for Rural Aging, National Institute on Adult Daycare, National Association of Older Worker Employment Services, National Institute of Senior Housing, National Institute on Community Based Long-Term Care, Health Promotion Institute, and the new National Interfaith Coalition on Aging--all have representatives within NCOA, are independently organized, and have their own agendas.

Through the units, the NCOA conducts research and demonstration projects, provides training and technical assistance, develops program standards, and distributes information.

Programs such as 'Family Friend', which helps match older people with disabled children to give the parents a respite, and Generations United, which develop many intergenerational projects, are but two shining examples of the units' work.

NCOA also acts as an advocate before Congress to foster changes in attitudes towards older Americans. In addition, NCOA sponsors a number of publications, such as "Eating Well to Stay Well", "Perspective on Aging", and "Long term Care Choices", plus the "Networks" newsletter.

It is not too early to begin thinking about the future--there is no better place to start than NCOA.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the proposed Grand Prix 3-day Race (pre-trials will be on Friday/Saturday and the final race on Sunday) to be held in Washington, DC, July 1992. As a concerned citizen and resident of Ward 2, I wish to inform your office that I am strongly opposed to this proposal because it brings life-threatening health problems and adverse environmental effects to District residents for the following reasons:

Washington, DC is not No. 1 in criminal activity but No. 1 in DEATHS caused by CANCER! This is alarming! The nation's capital cannot afford to ignore this dangerous public health problem. Not only should the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, head-quartered in Southwest, DC, be concerned with this cancer health crisis that surrounds its headquarters, but the Office of the Council, media, the health industry, other governmental agencies and, more importantly, the White House.

Cited in the Commission for Racial Justice United Church of Christ Report, Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States by Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Executive Director, "It is widely believed that racial and ethnic communities may suffer the most severe environmental pollution problems. For example, air pollution levels in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area were found to be higher in poorer areas of the city and among the Black population."

The District represents approximately 70% African-American residents, and yet research on environmental issues affecting the quality of life in black communities is very minimal.

Environmental degradation takes an especially heavy toll on inner-city neighborhoods because the poor or near-poor are the ones most vulnerable to the assaults of air and water pollution, and the stress and tension of noise and squalor. Residents that live in close proximity to health-threatening problems (i.e., industrial pollution, congestion and busy freeways) are living in endangered environs. The health price that residents pay is in the form of emphysema, chronic bronchitis and other chronic pulmonary diseases.

Air pollution in inner-city neighborhoods can be up to five times greater than in suburban areas. Suburbanites are exposed to less than half of the environmental health hazards inner-city residents face.

The Commission for Racial Justice's 1987 study, Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States, has already established that environmental concerns is clearly part of the civil rights agenda.

These are just a few of the concerns why I am strongly opposed to the proposed 1992 Grand Prix Race. Such an event will only expose District residents to toxic fumes emanating from participating race cars and by thousands of other vehicles that will be brought into the District by viewing spectators. Also, air pollution, noise, congestion, destruction of the District's streets are contributing factors that increase environmental

Dear Editor:

On December 26, 1991, at 6 p.m., I was assaulted in the Waterside Mall SAFEWAY parking lot while carrying groceries to my car. The assault resulted in my nose being broken and the inside of my mouth being lacerated requiring many stitches. My glasses were broken and lost and the assailant ran off with my car keys. The assault happened in the parking lot running along SAFEWAY store #1425 on M Street, SW. I understand that the Waterside Mall Management is responsible for security in that lot. At no time did a security guard respond to my calls for help, and I was finally helped into the SAFEWAY by a shopper. I must say that security personnel inside the SAFEWAY were very helpful, including the clerks. They stanchied the bleeding and called the police and ambulance.

With the opening of the new subway station at the Waterside Mall, I believe it is imperative for negotiations to begin between SAFEWAY and the Mall Management to provide adequate security in the parking lots for its customers. The above mentioned lot is a hangout for loiterers, and sometimes one must run a gauntlet of young men to reach one's car.

I have lived in this area and shopped at SAFEWAY for 30 years. In view of the way the area has changed, SAFEWAY and the Mall Management must get serious about lighting the lot and increasing the size, efficiency and availability of security forces in the parking areas. Please reply to me concerning your thoughts and plans about this problem.

Sincerely,
Ruth C. Gould

health hazards and long term health problems that may not be currently known to us - but can be prevented by us!

For your information and review, I have environmental reports and other data that will substantiate my opinion.

I urge rejection of the proposed 1992 Grand Prix Race. Protecting the lives and health of District residents is of greater value than the dollars raised by having this event.

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by

Michael J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary E. Callanan, D.D.S.
(presenting a series of monthly columns on dental topics of general interest)

Most of us feel that we know enough about our own teeth. A recent national Gallup Poll commissioned by the American Dental Association seems to say otherwise. Our overall "Dental I.Q." may be a bit lower than either dentists or the public would like.

The good news is that most respondents (76%) report that they had a personal dentist whom they visit regularly. The majority of people (57%) had seen their dentist within the past six months. In the Washington area, the high numbers of people moving into and out of the region may lower these figures slightly.

The bad news is that most people (52%) are aware of only basic dental conditions and treatments (cavities, etc.) and relatively unaware (4%) of the growing problem of gum disease. Most people are simply unaware of the existence, types and stages of gum disease.

The "it won't happen to me" syndrome was well represented. Only 4% of those surveyed thought they had gingivitis (inflammation of the gums). Recent reports indicate that up to 75-80% of the population evidence varying degrees of this early warning sign of gum disease.

Quite a few people mistakenly thought that bleeding of the gum was both natural and common. The misconception is that even healthy gums bleed when brushing or flossing. Imagine your dismay if the outside of your cheek began to bleed with a swipe from your toothbrush, or if your finger bled when you wrapped some floss around it! Healthy gums do not bleed from brushing and/or flossing.

"My gums always bleed when I brush - they've done that for as long as I can remember." We frequently hear such remarks from new patients in our practice. We do everything we can to educate people about the facts, but one discouraging finding of the survey shows a clear discrepancy

between what dentists recommend and what patients actually practice. Many people are mistakenly convincing themselves that there is no problem - these same folks express shock and anger when told of the need for extensive and expensive treatment if they hope to save their teeth.

These and other similar findings make this an important survey that we can all learn from. The dentist must make sure to spend time educating patients about the care of their mouths at home and how best to make use of their dollars in the dental office. The educational emphasis should be one of prevention. The patient should feel free to ask questions and to take advantage of the accurate information a dental professional is uniquely capable of providing.

Don't be the victim of your own misconceptions. Build your "Dental I.Q." and enjoy the rewards.

NOTE: Dr. Teitler and Dr. Callanan practice general dentistry at 833 Sixth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Their telephone number is 202-554-5050 and they are always available for your questions or comments.



Nancy Blake of the Navy Military Sealift Command is the Resources and Donations chairperson for the Partnership Program at Bowen E.S.

NAVY'S MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND HELPS LOCAL SCHOOL

Nancy Blake gave her heart to the students of Bowen Elementary School. She arranged for the Food and Drug Administration to donate a lifelike model heart to Anthony Bowen Elementary School.

When Ms. Blake gets involved with a project, there's almost no limit to what she will do. Blake is an employee at the Navy's Military Sealift Command in Washington, DC, and she puts her body and soul into whatever she does.

Blake is MSC's resources and donations chairperson for a partnership program with the Navy command and the school. The program is a part of the Navy's "Personal Excellence Partnership," a community relations effort conducted by Navy volunteers. It is aimed at enhancing academic achievement, encouraging and promoting healthy life-styles and inspiring good citizenship among students.

Since she joined the PEP program, Blake has single-handedly arranged and obtained valuable donations for the school from such federal and local agencies as the FDA, the Department of Education, the District of Columbia State Agency and the National Institutes of Health. She has also relied on the General Services Administration, a federal agency, for many of her successes. All donations come from discarded or surplus government stocks. Recent contributions to the school include: science equipment, paper supplies, file cabinets, two black and white television sets, educational literature and a photocopier.

Blake's motivation comes from her desire to "see that Bowen teachers have all equipment and supplies needed to do their jobs well--whatever it takes." She said, "If they need crayons, I'll get crayons. If they need

paper, I'll arrange for them to get paper."

Blake's dedication to Bowen extends far beyond making a few phone calls to encourage donations to the school. On several occasions, she has used her lunch break to personally collect and deliver donated supplies from various organizations. She and the school's guidance counselor spent several hours searching through a huge government property disposal warehouse for paper and other administrative supplies. They not only located those items, but obtained others which were in even higher demand at the school, including a microscope and slides, test tubes and computer disks.

Perry Picoriello, chairperson of MSC's Personal Excellence Program for the 1991-1992 school year, said "Nancy has made a world of difference with the valuable resources she's made available to the school. She's an excellent example of how just one enthusiastic, capable volunteer can make major contributions to an entire school. Her outstanding accomplishments are greatly appreciated and will be a permanent reminder of the generosity of the many Military Sealift Command employees who have donated their time, talent and effort to the school."

CAFRITZ FOUNDATION HONORS 25 D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Twenty-five D.C. Public School teachers who received \$4,000 continuing education grants from The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation were honored at a special dinner at the Willard Hotel on October 30.

Grant recipients include Keith Wasserman, Jefferson Junior High School English and Humanities, Grade 7, and a first grade teacher who used the money to travel to Senegal and the Ivory Coast to observe schools and develop an Afrocentric curriculum. Another elementary school teacher travelled to Japan and China to learn new techniques for teaching mathematics, and yet another attended classes given by the Audubon Society in Maine and Wyoming to help her teach geography with an emphasis on conservation and ecology.

"It is an honor for us to recognize the best and brightest teachers in the DC Public School System," said Calvin Cafritz, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "These awards celebrate the efforts and successes of these innovative educators, and we look forward to good things from them in the years to come."

The Teacher Fellowship Program was established by the Cafritz Foundation to encourage and support teachers who display outstanding ability and creativity in their classrooms. Since the program began in 1985, 170 teachers have been honored.

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Jerold Samet is a true Washingtonian. He was born in Washington, D.C. on December 10, 1944, and was educated at Paul Junior High, Wheaton High School and the University of Maryland. He is the owner and President of M. Stein & Co. Formal Wear, the oldest formal wear establishment in Washington, located at 1900 M Street, N.W. He has dedicated much of his life to Freemasonry, DeMolay, and the youth of the Metro area. He was elected Honorary Citizen of the city of Takoma Park in 1973 and has been recognized since by many organizations. He is a member of the Bankers Club of Washington and the Washington Metropolitan Board of Trade.

The Office of Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia is for a term of one year and presides over a membership of approximately 8,000. While serving in this capacity, Mr. Samet will occupy offices at The Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia located at 5428 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.



S.W. resident Jerold Samet

SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS (SIA) SUPPORT GROUP

On Wednesday, February 5, 1992, SIA (Survivors of Incest Anonymous) will begin having weekly meetings for Women Only at Riverside Baptist Church. The meetings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will end promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous is a twelve-step Recovery Program for men and women 18 and older who have been sexually abused as children, or as adults, by family members or anyone they trusted. In SIA, we learn we are not alone and are not to blame. There are no dues or fees.

TEMPLE MICAH/ST. AUGUSTINES

The Joint Committee of these two congregations had a clothing drive for the S.W. Community House. The drive was a tremendous success. The Clothing Drive was during the week and ended on Sunday, January 12th. Both members and non-members of the temple and the church donated clothing.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Reverend William H. Montgomery, would like to extend to the Southwest community best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

This church has a tradition of starting the new year with revival services. The Evangelists for the month were: Reverend John Chaplin of the Pleasant Lane Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.; Reverend William Smith of the Jordan Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland; Reverend Irvin Green of the Brick Baptist Church in Ridgeport, South Carolina; and Reverend Roy Gerald of the New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

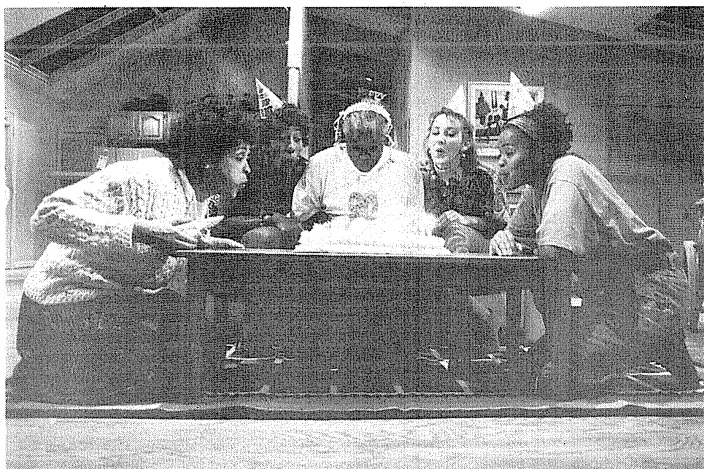
The Friendship Baptist Church's goal is to re-establish their relationship with this community. They extend the invitation to you to participate in any of the services. They would like to be better able to assist their neighbors. Their message in 1992 is: "Let Us Go Back to Church"

Be Not Dismayed By Dismal Days

It's a dismal, dreary morning
and as I sometimes do
I feel a little dreary
and downcast, too.
For let nobody tell you
that life's a "happy song"
And that we just keep smiling
when everything goes wrong...
For it just would not be natural
to always wear a smile,
For a smile would be a "silly grin"
if it covered up a trial...
For there are certain periods
When the soul is "sweetly sad"
As it contemplates the mystery
of both good time and bad...
We're not really discontented
and we are never unaware
That THE GOOD LORD UP IN HEAVEN
HAS US ALWAYS IN HIS CARE.

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Cast of "Jar The Floor" by Cheryl West playing at the Kreeger Theatre

WORKING HAND IN HAND TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY

D.C. Cares is a nonprofit organization that meets critical community needs by making volunteer community service opportunities available to working people in the greater Washington, D.C. area. Because many potential volunteers are often unfamiliar with the community service world and are hesitant to make unconditional, long-term commitments, D.C. Cares works with area community service organizations to create flexible volunteer projects and, as an organization, commits to staff these projects with responsible volunteers. D.C. Cares then organizes teams of volunteers, led by volunteer project coordinators, to work at the projects, which are held either before or after weekday hours or on weekends. All projects are "overstaffed" to allow for last-minute cancellations when necessary. This approach provides both the flexibility that many volunteers with full-time jobs require and a reliable volunteer corps that community service organizations need and can depend upon.

D.C. Cares recruits volunteers in a variety of ways, including word of mouth, speaking engagements, press coverage, and monthly mailings of upcoming events. All prospective volunteers are oriented and placed with projects that match their individual skills, interests, and availability. In addition, volunteers receive training, education, and follow-up support designed to enhance their awareness of community needs.

D.C. Cares establishes relationships with pre-screened community service organizations and works with those organizations to design projects that both address critical community needs and can be organized to integrate working people as volunteers. The D.C. Cares office and the volunteer project coordinators maintain an ongoing dialogue with the community service organizations to ensure that each project is fully staffed, that the community service organization's needs are being met, and that the volunteers have a rewarding experience.

D.C. Cares plans to establish additional community service projects relating to literacy, the environment, health care and other areas, as well as to expand the number and scope of its existing community service activities. To date, D.C. Cares has involved more than 1,650 volunteers in community service projects working in partnership with 50 different local community service organizations. In November 1991, D.C. Cares' volunteers will participate in more than 90 volunteer events.

D.C. Cares' success is reflected, in part, by the broad community recognition and support that the organization has received to date. D.C. Cares has received cash and in-kind contributions from a variety of business and service concerns in the Washington area, numerous individual financial donations, and several foundation grants, including those from the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, the Philip L. Graham Fund, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, and the Green Charitable Foundation.

For further information contact D.C. Cares, Inc., 2300 N Street, NW, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20037 202-663-9207.

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MANY SECRETS IN JAR THE FLOOR

The Kreeger Theater's *Jar the Floor* takes place in Park Forest, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. It's a wonderful and hilarious comedy about four generations of African-American women attempting to understand their differences as mothers and daughters. These four generations of women come together to celebrate their love for one another and the 90th birthday of the ornery and disagreeable great-grandmother MaDear played by Marilyn Coleman. Lola played by Crystal Laws Green is MaDear's daughter. Lola is funny, sassy, fresh and a very outgoing woman who treasures her sweet moments with her many men.

MayDee played by Francelle Stewart Dorn is the daughter of Lola and an African-American Studies professor hoping to get tenure at the University in which she teaches.

MayDee attempts to get her rebellious daughter to do something productive with her life besides singing or at least to finish college and get her degree. daugh-terayed by Sandra Quaterman is the daughter of MayDee who aspires to be a singer, wanting to travel to Europe to pursue her career. Vennie is a very open and aggressive person who holds back nothing that's on her mind. Raisa played by Jurian Hughes is Vennie's white friend from school who feels very much at home with Vennie's family. *Jar The Floor* reveals many secrets, wants and long time desires that these four women lash out to one another. It's a play worth seeing, written by a very talented individual, Cheryl L. West. *Jar The Floor* is playing through February 2 at Arena Stage in the Kreeger.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS AVAILABLE

In an effort to promote an awareness of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in Washington, D.C., the American Heart Association/Nation's Capital Affiliate (AHA/NCA) has announced the availability of several community service grants. The grants will be awarded to those organizations or persons whose innovative community oriented projects are aimed at providing information which will lead to the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

The AHA/NCA grants offer up to \$5,000 and will be effective from July 1, 1992, to June 1, 1993. To qualify, you must be a District resident or have an organization based in the District, and demonstrate a sincere interest in implementing an innovative community project. Proposals which develop minority health education materials and/or programs are encouraged.

Applications are encouraged from ALL SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY including individuals, clubs, institutions and agencies.

To receive an application and additional information, contact: American Heart Association, Nation's Capital Affiliate, Programs Department, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., #200, Washington, D.C. 20007 or call (202) 337-6400.

Applications must be received by February 21, 1992.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH LECTURES AT SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

Southwest Library continues its tradition of celebrating Black History Month in February. Black Family Day was celebrated on January 18th at the S.W. Library. On January 25th, there was a lecture by Carter Ward on African Beginnings of Humankind. Both of these events were in honor of Martin Luther King.

Dr. Reginald Wilson noted author of Civil Liberties in the U.S. will be honored at a book party February 22, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Wilson has been named Senior Scholar of the American Council on Education. He has been President of Wayne Community College in Detroit. Other positions held include Dean, Director of Test Development and Research, Director of Black Studies and Director of Upward Bound. He has taught psychology in the Detroit Public School and at Wayne State University, University of Detroit, Oakland University and University of Michigan. He received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University and is licensed in clinical and educational psychology in the District of Columbia and Michigan.

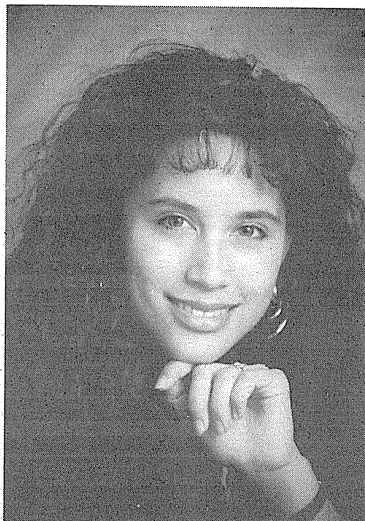
February 29th, 1992 the S.W. Library will host columnist Joy Jones at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Jones is an administrator with the D.C. Public Schools. Her recent columns have been featured in the Washington Post, Outlook Section. One commentary entitled "Why Are Black Women Scaring Off Their Men?" discusses the gains of black women and the effects upon their personal relationships with the black male. The opinion subtitled "A Fighting Spirit is Important-But Not At Home" explores and questions the ability of black females to juggle their careers, church, educational goals, community/organizational alliances and children at the expense of the black family.

For further information on these and other upcoming S.W. Library events call 727-1381.

HIV FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

The St. Francis Center's HIV Support Group for Family and Friends of those living with HIV disease meets at St. Margaret's Church, 1830 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. The normal schedule for this biweekly drop-in group will resume in February 1992 and is the first and third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The group is open to any family member or friend of an HIV-positive individual or anyone grieving a death from AIDS.

The St. Francis Center, a non-denominational non-profit organization, is the Washington area's foremost source for guidance, information and support for people living with illness, loss and bereavement. Since 1975, the Center has supported the metropolitan Washington, D.C. community through individual and family counseling, training and education programs, and volunteer support through our Friends program.



Valerie Winters

S.W. YOUTH SELECTED AS FUTURE LEADER

Southwest youth Valerie Winters was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference held January 14-19 in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship, Valerie was among 350 outstanding high school students from across the nation at the conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

The theme of the conference was The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the six-day conference, Valerie met with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

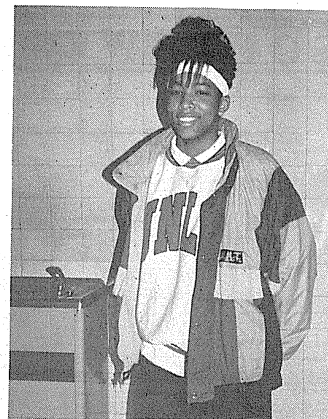
Highlights of the conference included welcoming remarks from a member of Congress and a panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Students also visited foreign embassies and received a policy briefing from senior State Department officials.

Valerie met with Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton and staff members to discuss important issues of personal concern to Valerie. Culminating the National Young Leaders Conference was a four-hour Mock Congress on Gun Control during which scholars assumed the roles of U.S. Representatives by debating, lobbying, and voting on proposed handgun legislation.

Founded in 1985, the Council is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization committed to recognizing outstanding youth like Valerie to provide them with a "hands-on" civic learning experience in the nation's capital. Over 375 members of the U.S. Congress join in the commitment to educational excellence as members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

The HIV Group is partially supported by Brother, Help Thyself with space provided by St. Margaret's Church.

For further information contact Karen Widmayer at 363-8500.



Camyira Wynn honored

S.W. YOUTH HONORED BY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Though violence is claiming the news spotlight, 21 youths who are members of the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs continue to live positive lives and influence others. They were honored at the 56th Annual Awards Dinner at the Washington Marriott Hotel. Vincent Gray, Director of the Department of Human Services of the District of Columbia, was the keynote speaker and is a former member of the Clubs.

The two S.W. youths honored from Clubhouse #4 were:

CAMYIRA P. WYNN, 15 years old, 10th grader. Camyira is a five-year member of the clubhouse and plays basketball, volleyball and flag football. She has a 3.0 GPA and is active in sports and choir at Anacostia Senior High School.

BERNARD JOHNSON, 13 years old, 9th grader. Bernard has been a member of the clubhouse since 1987 and participates in basketball and football. He carries a 3.0 GPA at Jefferson Junior High School where he is a member of the Young Lawyers.

Solvin W. Gordon succeeds Robert J. Bowen of WWRC/WGAY Radio as president of the Police Boys and Girls Clubs, following in his father's footsteps of 20 years ago when Dr. Everett Gordon was president of the Clubs. The Clubs are a 501(c)(3) youth organization with 11 clubhouses in high crime areas with a mission to prevent juvenile delinquency through organized activities. Over 14,000 boys and girls participate in a variety of programs in the District of Columbia.

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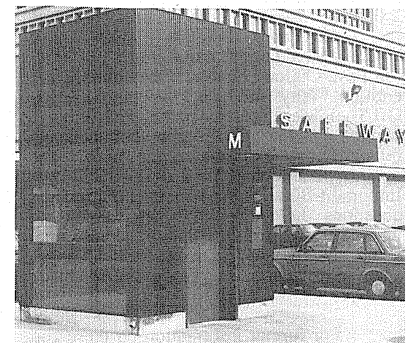
Waterside Mall banner says it all

GREEN LINE OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

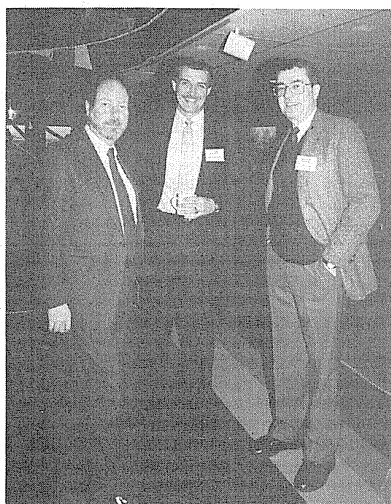
Cloudy skies on December 28th 1991 could not darken festivities for the opening of the new 2.33 mile extension of Metro between L'Enfant Plaza and Anacostia. Councilmember Hilda Mason, Chairman of the Board of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority opened the historic gathering. The memorable day began in Southwest with the Spirit of Washington providing a free breakfast cruise along the river.

The colors were presented by the Metro Transit Police Color Guard. This was followed by the National Anthem provided by the Anacostia Senior High School Band under the direction of Eric Summers and Darold White. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly spoke about the many benefits the Green Line would bring to Anacostia, Southeast and Southwest. Unfortunately, Council Chairman and Southwest resident John Wilson could not be on hand.

Rev. Moses Williams of Campbell AME Church asked blessings for the endeavor. The benediction was given by Rev. Maxwell Washington of St. Matthew's Baptist Church.



Metro elevator in front of Safeway



Far right, Metro David Gunn chats with friends



Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton hails the Green Line